

# Tails

Former bank site goes to the dogs near new Best Buddy Pet Center

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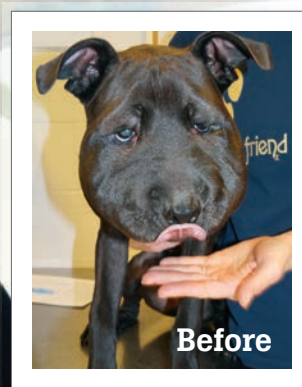
## There's no excuse for animal abuse. Tragically it continues.

Within two days, the HSMO Animal Cruelty Task Force (ACT) retrieved three puppies tossed in a dumpster and rescued a dog with a bungee cord wrapped around his neck. A few weeks earlier, more than 150 animals were removed from filthy conditions in Morgan County.

### May 15 – Strangled Dog Saved

A kind-hearted citizen called the Humane Society about a puppy in distress. His head was grotesquely swollen to the size of a soccer ball, causing extreme difficulty swallowing and breathing. Someone had wrapped a bungee cord tightly around the neck of the five-month-old puppy, a black Labrador mix.

“This was obviously an intentional act,” noted Mike Perkins, director of HSMO’s Animal Cruelty Task Force. “He didn’t accidentally run into a bungee cord.” The investigation into who mistreated the dog is still under way. Once recovered, the puppy found his forever home.



After

Before

# Directory

### Websites

www.hsmo.org  
www.longmeadowrescueranch.org  
www.amcma.org  
www.STLLostPets.org

### Main Number

314-647-8800

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314-647-4400 or 800-383-9835

### Adoption Centers

Adoptions, Pet Lost and Found,  
Cremation Services

St. Louis City Center 314-951-1562  
Westport Area Center 314-951-1588  
Kuehner Center 636-530-0805

### Adoption Centers Hours

Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
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### Animal Medical Center of Mid-America

All locations 314-951-1534  
Patients seen by appointment  
St. Louis City Center, Westport Area Center,  
Kuehner Center  
Mon.-Thurs. 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.  
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Sat. 8:00 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Sun. CLOSED

### Donations 314-951-1542

Memberships, auto donations, planned giving

### Volunteer Program 314-951-1577

### Longmeadow Rescue Ranch 636-583-8759

Open House: Fridays noon-3 p.m.  
Saturdays 11 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Other adoption hours by appointment

### Location Addresses:

Headquarters/St. Louis City Center –  
1201 Macklind Ave., St. Louis, MO 63110  
Westport Area Center – 2400 Drilling  
Service Dr., Maryland Heights, MO 63043  
Kuehner Center – 17357 Edison Ave.,  
Chesterfield, MO 63005  
Longmeadow Rescue Ranch – 480 Josephs  
Rd., Union, MO 64084  
All locations closed major holidays.

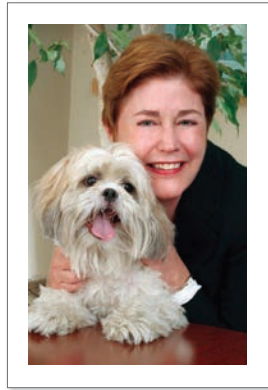
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Since 1870, the Humane Society of Missouri has been dedicated to second chances. We provide a safe and caring haven to all animals in need—large and small—that have been abused, neglected or abandoned. Our mission is to end the cycle of abuse and pet overpopulation through our rescue and investigation efforts, spay/neuter programs and educational classes. We are committed to creating lasting relationships between people and animals through our adoption programs and our shelter pet training program. We further support that bond by making available world-class veterinary care.

## President's Message



Kathy Warnick  
President

Every spring I dread the coming hot weather. Not because it's uncomfortable, but because I know pets will suffer and possibly die from being left in a parked car. This year it happened way too early.

It was only April, with temperatures in the mid-60s, yet a dog locked in a car at the St. Louis Zoo was roasting. Humane Society Animal Cruelty Task Force investigators used a special thermometer to measure the temperature inside the car, which reached over 104 degrees, even with windows cracked a few inches. In cooperation with the St. Louis City Police Department, ACT investigators made the life-saving decision to remove the dog from the scorching vehicle and transport her to our headquarters where she received treatment for overheating and dehydration.

On 70+ degree days, leaving an animal inside a car is inhumane, illegal and can cause severe injury or even death within minutes. Never, never leave your pets in a parked car. If you see a pet alone in a car, immediately call the local police and HSMO's Animal Cruelty Hot Line, 314-647-4400. You may be saving the life of a defenseless animal.

*HSMO Animal Cruelty Task Force rescued this dog from a car, where it was 104 degrees inside. Fortunately, with help from HSMO staff, she recovered.*



## Additional Property Donated at Site of New Best Buddy Pet Center

A 2.3 acre parcel of land on Schuetz Road in Maryland Heights has been donated to the Humane Society of Missouri. The property, adjacent to site of the planned new Best Buddy Pet

Center, will become a private dog park for use by HSMO's Pet Pal Dog Walkers who provide daily exercise and enrichment for shelter dogs.

"We are thrilled the opportunity came our way to add to our already premiere site at Page Avenue and Schuetz Road," said Kathy Warnick, president of the Humane Society of Missouri. "The future of animal welfare in the St. Louis area has never looked brighter."

More than \$12 million toward the \$16 million New Horizons Campaign goal has been donated allowing architectural planning for the Best Buddy Pet Center and Animal Medical Center of Mid-America to proceed. Construction is planned to begin in 2015.

Save  
the  
Date

Balloon Glow, Sept. 19

Paws for Celebration at Simons Jewelry, Oct. 8

### May 14 – ‘Trashed’ Puppies Rescued

A crew cleaning out a house in preparation for its sale called the Humane Society after finding three Boxer-mix puppies tossed in a trash can. Two of the puppies were thin but otherwise healthy. The third had already died, most likely from heat stroke.

“This is a blatant act of animal cruelty,” said Perkins. “The poor female puppy suffered a horrible death and the same would have happened to her sister and brother had this person not intervened.”

Amazingly, with expert care from HSMO veterinarians and shelter staff, the two now playful, friendly survivors recovered and have been adopted by a wonderful family.



### May 6 – More Than 150 Animals Rescued From Filth, Starvation

HSMO’s Animal Cruelty Task Force rescued 152 underweight, diseased animals—56 dogs, 69 cats, two goats and 25 horses—from filth and squalor, in cooperation with the Morgan County Sheriff’s Office.

Many of the cats were living in a filthy, trash-strewn trailer on the property and were suffering from upper respiratory disease, eye infections, severely matted coats and other maladies. The dogs, including four puppies, were thin and suffering from parasites.

The horses, ranging from new foals and pregnant mares to adult horses and ponies, also were underweight and infested with parasites. A dead foal was stuffed in a barrel. The Morgan County Sheriff’s Office has stated it will pursue animal abuse charges in this case.

Dogs and cats were cared for at HSMO Headquarters on Macklind Ave.; the horses and goats are still recovering at Longmeadow Rescue Ranch.

“They were in extremely poor condition when they arrived,” said Amanda Mullen, director of the ranch.

Two foals have since been born, both now healthy despite a rough start due to the mares’ starvation and parasitic infestations. Once the foals are weaned and the mares deemed healthy, they will be made available for adoption.



***It costs \$2,500+ to rehabilitate a pregnant mare and stabilize her foal.***

Although every rescued animal is equally treasured, the expense of rehabilitating starving horses is much higher than for smaller animals. When a severely underweight pregnant mare is involved, the costs skyrocket. Four pregnant mares have come to the ranch after rescues in Morgan and Laclede counties this year.

It costs in the neighborhood of \$2,500 to provide special diets and round-the-clock feedings in each case, without which the foals would most likely have died in utero or shortly after their births.

Your help is desperately needed to replenish our Giddy Up and Go Fund that helps special needs ranch animals.

*Please make a donation so we can be ready. Call 314-951-1542 or donate securely online at [hsmo.org](http://hsmo.org) or [longmeadowrescueranch.org](http://longmeadowrescueranch.org).*

### Celebrating another year of dogged support for the Humane Society of Missouri.



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*The following companies and individuals have contributed \$50 or more to the Humane Society of Missouri as a memorial or in honor of someone special. Donations were received between February 15, 2014 and June 15, 2014.*

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